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DOES SHE
SEE ME AS A
FRIEND?



YOU
SAID
AHHHAH



DOESN'T
BELONG
TO ANY
OF THOSE
GROUPS.

HOWEVER,
YOSHIMURA-
SAN...

THE
POPULAR
GROUP THAT
ATTRACTS
THE BOYS'
ATTENTION.

THE GROUP
OF GIRLS
WHO HAVE A
PASSION FOR
CLUBS AND
SOCIETY.

AND LASTLY
THE GROUP
THAT DOESN'T
REALLY HAVE
MUCH
PREFERENCE

SOMEHOW
THE GIRLS IN
MY CLASS



...HAVE
ALREADY
SPLIT INTO
THREE
GROUPS

OH.

I WONDER WHY
YOSHIMURA-
SAN CAME TO
PICK ME UP?

YOSHIMURA,
EVERYONE

THE
IDEALITY

WHY
IS SHE
WILLING
TO BE BY
MY SIDE?

IS
DANGER
OF HER

MAKES
HER STAND
OUT FROM
THE CROWD

FROM
KIND OF
FEELING
THAT SHE
WANTS TO

IS IT ONLY
BECAUSE
SHE'S PART
OF THE
COMMITTEE?

ANYWAY, BECAUSE
OF YOSHIMURA-SAN,

I CAN GO TO SCHOOL NORMALLY

I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY...

I SHOULD
JUST
SEND IT

AND FROM
BROO-COMY

BUT I WON'T
GET A REPLY
ANYWAY.



MAIL FROM YUISEI



THERE IS ALWAYS
"A SOURCE OF POWER"



WHEN A
PERSON MOVES,





IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE OPPONENT FROM PREDICTING YOUR ACTIONS,

YOU MUST AVOID EYE CONTACT.

THESE SIGNALS ARE ALWAYS SHOWN BEFORE ANY KIND OF MOVEMENT.

BEFORE THE KNEE MOVES, THE SHOULDERS WILL MOVE FIRST...

AND BEFORE ATTACKING, YOU WILL TAKE DEEP BREATHS...

THEN, USING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF POWER IN YOUR KICK...

AND PURPOSELY ALTER YOUR BREATHING

HITS

CUT INTO YOUR OPPONENT.

SO THAT THE "SOURCE OF POWER" WILL NOT BE LOST.

EXACTLY LIKE A SUDDEN WAVE OF WATER YOU MEET







HE JUST
GOT A
PICTURE
MESSAGE



ME
TOO.

LET ME
TEXT HOME
SAYING I'LL
BE LATE.

HA.
PURT.



IT
MUST
BE...

FROM
THOSE KIDS
AT THE
HOSPITAL
AGAIN.



WHAT?

NOTHING.



SO,

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

IT'S
KIND OF
MAKING ME
ANNOYED.





WHAT?!

I MEANT MY
ACHIEVEMENT.

I THINK IT'S
BETTER TO
SHOW YOUR
KINDNESS AND
PASSION
TOWARDS
THEM.

WHAT?

OH!!
DON'T
YOU THINK
IT'S CHANGED
COMPARED
TO BEFORE I
WENT TO THE
HOSPITAL?



THOUGHT
SO.



LIKE A
FEELING
OF HEAVEN-
HEST?

WELL,

...IT'S
EASIER TO
PREDICT YOUR
ACHIEVEMENTS
NOW.

I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW,
BUT...

...EWW

IF YOU DON'T KNOW,

THEN I WON'T TELL YOU

...EWW

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

YOU DON'T KNOW?

IT'S NOT JUST THAT.

THEN WHAT'S ...?

EW?

WHAT?

WHAT IS IT?

...THE REASON?

THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM WITH YOUR KNEE CAP, RIGHT?

IT CAN'T BE HELPED

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN USING YOUR MUSCLES FOR A WHILE NOW...

IT'S OBVIOUS

...YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE LIKE BEFORE, RIGHT?

THEN
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
BE TALL?

IT'LL BE A
PROBLEM IF
ONE LEG
GROWS TOO
FAST.

I
WANT
TO.

I
WANT
IT.

WHAT
HAPPENS
IF THEY'RE
DIFFERENT
LENGTHS?

WHEN
THE BONE
GROWS
IT'LL BE
THE RIGHT
LENGTH
BEFORE THE
BONE IS
FRACTURED.
IT GROWS
TOO FAST.

GOOD

... THE KID
WANTS TO
FRACTURE THE
SHORTER LEG
WITH A CLUB

BANG

I WONDER
IF IT'S
BECAUSE
OF THE
ILLNESS

SEEMS
VERY
MATURE
EVENLY

IT'LL NEED
SURGERY
THEN

WHAT
HAPPEN

WAAA

YUUSEI

YU-UN

YOM

YOU'VE GROWN
TALLER DURING
THE TIME YOU
WERE IN THE
HOSPITAL

YUUSEI,
SOMEHOW





THE
SAME AS
YOU.



WHAT ARE
YOUR HOSPITAL
FRIENDS LIKE?



WHAT
ARE THEY
LIKE?

HAY?



THEY'RE NOT
SPECIAL.

THEY'RE
ALL JUST
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS.



NOTHING
SPECIAL.

HAY?

LATELY,
YUISEI
SEEMS
FURTHER
AWAY.

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?

...ALL JUST
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS.



...ARMY

THIS
IS OUR
SCHOOL'S
CLUB
EXHIBITION.

AND
LATELY,
I'VE...

...BEEN
A LITTLE
ANNOYING.

WHY DON'T
YOU FIND OUT
WHAT YOU
WANT TO DO
THERE?

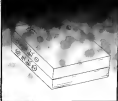
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YUI

WOWWWW
THAT'S AWESOME
BUT HEAVY...







UME-CHAN, HOW ARE YOU?
YUUSEI WILL BE COMING NEXT
WEEK. ARE YOU COMING TOO?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE
I'VE SEEN YOU TWO. I'M
REALLY EXCITED----



R.S. KANO-CHAN MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO EAT
ANYTHING BECAUSE OF THE INJECTION.







THAT'S RIGHT.



THE PLACE I'M IN NOW

SHOULD BE MY DESK.

AND WITHIN ONE METRE OF YOSHIMURA-SAN.









MY KNEE WAS
SETTLED IN.



BECAUSE
KARATE
IS OUR
HOBBY...

WE DON'T
PLAY WITH
PEOPLE OUR
AGE SINCE ALL
WE DO IS
KARATE.

I'M THE
SAME.

I GET
IT.

REFLECTING...

BUT
NOW IT'S
BECOME A
PROBLEM.



YOU
WANT
ME TO
SAY IT?

SO,

WHAT
HAPPENED?

WHO ARE YOU
GOING TO TALK
TO IF YOU WON'T
TALK TO ME?



YOU SAID MY
MOVEMENTS WERE
EASIER TO PREDICT
NOW, RIGHT?

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?

MY
MOVEMENTS
HAVE A
FULCRUM
NOW...

SETTLED
BY?



IT MIGHT
JUST BE FOR
A WHILE.



OR IT
MIGHT BE
FOR LIFE.



OH,

THAT'S
WHAT IT
MEANS.

THAT'S
WHAT HE
MEANS.



THEN,
HOW DO
YOU...

...FOR
TRUTH?



I DON'T
KNOW.



PARADE
AND

and

I'll treat
you to his
cream.

Keep

MINORU
WANTS TO
CHOCOLATE?

Like
always!

That's
why you
only get
one, right?

Thank you
for you,
Minori! Love
money!

I don't.

EVERYONE
BELIEVES IN
YUUSEI'S...



...FUTURE.

YUUSEI
"Huh"

"But
you're
talking
about..."

WHAT?

CARAMEL
MILK

TAKE
SOME! HERE

I'M ON A
DIET, SO NO
CHOCOLATE.

EVERYONE
EVERYONE'S
EXPECTATIONS

NO
FUTURE

THE
FUTURE

HERE.

MINE.



I SAID
IT!!

I WANT TO
WORK TOWARDS
THIS FUTURE!

BUT,

IF IT'S
YOSHIMURA-
SAN...



YEAH I'M
ACTUALLY
REALLY
INTERESTED IN
ACTRESSES.
ACTUALLY, JUST
SOLO... :3

I'M NOT
A USELESS
FOLLOWER

THERE
ARE THINGS
I LIKE...



I BELIEVE
THAT MUST
BE...

A VERY
HEAVY
BURDEN



PERFORMANCE
CLUB?



ON COMEDY
VIDEO
A HEAVY BURDEN

STAB

The actress,
Shimozaki Ayaka (78)
wasn't a nurse!

AND I
HAVE SUCH
A DARK
PAST!!

I DON'T
WANT TO
LIVE IF IT
BECOMES
GOSSIP!!



... BUT,

ARR, SHE'S
DISAPPOINTED
AFTER ALL!



STAB

THAT'S
TRUE!

YOU HAVE
SUCH A SMALL
PRESENCE... ARE
YOU SURE YOU'LL
BE A GOOD
ACTRESS?



EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T ENTIRELY SURE, I STILL WENT TO THE CLUB AFTER SCHOOL.

(Fushimi-san took a day off from gardening club to go with her.)

ANYWAY,

WAS THAT A GOOD SONG?

IT'S GREAT,

OKAY,

YOU WANT TO CORRECT YOURSELF, SO YOU'RE CHOOSING THIS PATH.

AAA.

WHICH ONE OF YOU?

...YOU WENT TO JOIN?

IT'S ACTUALLY NOT YOU...

...I SEE.

IT'S ME.

YES.

YES.

THIS BEAUTY WITH LONG BLACK HAIR?

BUT YOU

WHO CAME WITH ME

THAT'S A FRIEND...

WHAAAT! WHO IS SHE?

HM

SUCH AN
OVERWHELMING
FEELING...

SO
GOOD

POOP

THEN,
JUST STAY
THERE AND
WATCH

STAB

POOPING
RECORDED

AND
POOPING
CAN'T BE
HIDDEN

AND
THIS

...KIND OF
PRESSURE

THE
PEOPLE
STANDING
ON STAGE

...SEEM TO BE
ENJOYING SUCH
A SPARKLY
AFTER



THANK
YOU FOR
LISTENING TO
ME WITHOUT
LAUGHING
YESTERDAY.

AND HELP
CONFESSING
AT ALL

SORRY
I DON'T
KNOW

THERE
ARE SO
MANY
PEOPLE
IN YOUR
SCHOOL

I CAN'T
DO IT
AFTER
ALL

WHAT?

IT WAS
SO FUNNY
I COULDN'T
RESIST

LIKE
THAT WAS A
GROUP OF TEN
"HOSANAGARA-
GANG" ..

I FEEL..



TO BE
HONEST.

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE A
MUCH HEAVIER
PERSON AND
JETS SWAYED
EASILY.

YESH

SHY

ASH.

SH
OVERLAP



IT'S SORT OF
LIKE IF PEOPLE WANT
TO BE A MAGICAL, THEY
NEED TO PARTICIPATE
IN CONTESTS.

SHY

HAVE YOU BEEN
TO CONTESTS OR
THOSE OFFICES
TO ALRIGHT?

HEY,



SOMEDAY,
I HOPE
TO

...SPEAK TO
YOSHIMURA-
SAN ABOUT
YUISEI.



SHY

SHY
NOT YOU
NOT YOU

SH... SHY
I want to go back
because of the magical
world. I'll be
there.

I ALWAYS JUST
EAT LEFTOVERS
FROM THE NIGHT
BEFORE

LEERY?

REALLY?

MAMA
REALLY
LIKES
COOKING

SHINCHIRO-
SUNG'S LUNCH
ALWAYS LOOKS
LIKE THIS

BUT YOU
HAVE YOUR
OWN LUNCH?

SHE ALWAYS
SLEEPS UNTIL
NOON

...MAMA?

YOUR...

YEAH
NOT OF

AMAZING!

SLEEP AT
WORK?

BUT YOU'LL
ALLOW HER TO
IMPROVE EVEN
MORE

OR
LIFE ...

IT'S OKAY,
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ME

EH

AH

NO
WONDER
SHE'S SO
MATURE

THEN...

I WANT
TO THANK YOU
FOR COMING
TO PICK ME UP
THAT DAY

...
ACTUALLY,
I WANT
TO ...

I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED
TO TELL
YOU THAT

I CAN ASK
MAMA TO MAKE
LUNCH FOR YOU
SOMETIME



SHINOBU-SAN

IT'S
NOT...

CAN YOU
CALL ME
LIKE NOT



KNOW
MORE ABOUT
YOSHIMURA-
SAN

UHM...

THEN,
I'LL TAKE
YOUR WORD
FOR IT.

ME
TOO

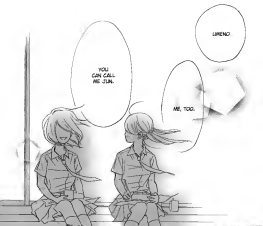
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UHM...

AND
ALSO

I WANT
YOU TO
KNOW MORE
ABOUT ME.

UHM...



YOU
CAN CALL
ME JUN.

LIRENO

ME, TOO.

IT'S KIND OF HARD TO...

SHAN

SHAN





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THE CASE
JUNE 1991
LIFE TIME

1997











I JUST
KEPT
CRYING
AGAIN.

MY EYES
ARE STILL
SWOLLEN.

EVEN
THOUGH
I'VE WASHED
MY FACE
SO MANY
TIMES,

I CAN'T



WHAT
HAPPENED
WITH HER
MIND?

I'LL TELL
JUN...

THUD

TOMORROW,

EVEN
THOUGH
I TOLD

YOURSELF
THAT I'LL
TRY MY
BEST

I CAN'T
SEE YOURSELF
LIKE THIS.



LET'S
GO.

YOURSELF.



THUD





TOMORROW,

REPLIED
TO ME

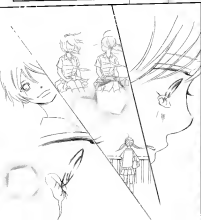
ONCE
AGAIN,



THIRD

BESIDES,

YUISEI
NEVER



THE
SCENE
OVER



IF I DON'T
SEE YUUSEI
TODAY,



I DON'T
WANT
THAT



AND
MET ALL
OF THEM.

I FELL
INTO THAT
RIVER



I DON'T
WANT TO
START OVER
AGAIN



RUNS

I
DON'T
WANT
THAT



OPENS

I MIGHT
NOT BE ABLE
TO SEE HIM
EVER AGAIN.

EVEN I
WANT TO
CHANGE!!

AHH

AHH

UMENO.

I DIDN'T
MAKE IT
IN TIME...

THE MAIN
DOORS ARE
CLOSED
NOW

WAITING
TIMES ARE
OVER.



MY PARENTS
HAVE ALREADY
LEFT.

YOU'RE
LATE.

YOU'RE
LATE.



BECAUSE OF
YOU I HAVE TO
GET THE TRAIN
BACK HOME.



HOW DO
I BECOME
STRONGER?

YOURSEL...



HOW DO
I CHANGE
MYSELF?

FM...

FRUSTRATED

FRUSTRATED.

FRUSTRATED.

FRUSTRATED!





ME
TOO.

REALLY...

...FELLSHATED.

ARL

...YEAH.



THE TRAIN IS COMING!

I THOUGHT
YOU WOULD
COME SINCE
YOU WERE
PESTERING ME
WITH MAIL.

EH?

WHY DID
YOU WAIT
FOR ME?

...WHY
HAVEN'T
YOU REPLIED
TO ANY OF
THEM?

I'M ACTUALLY
NOT WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.

EH,

BECAUSE
EVEN THOUGH
YOU GET BLOWN
BY THE WIND
EARLY, YOU'RE
SURPRISINGLY
STRONG.

WHY?

I WAS
COMPLI-
MENTING
YOU.

LET'S GET
ON THE
TRAIN.





I SPOKE A LOT WITH YUISEI
BEFORE THE TOKYO STATION.



ABOUT SCHOOL,
YOSHIMURA-SAN,
PERFORMANCE CLUB.

AND YUISEI'S LEG.



AFTER THE
SURGERY, YUISEI
COULDN'T FIND
THE SAME FEELING
FROM DOING
KARATE.



..NATURALLY,
YOU'LL FEEL
LIKE YOU DON'T
WANT TO LOSE,
RIGHT?



BUT
IF YOU'RE
FEELING REALLY
FRUSTRATED,
THEN...

YOU WOULD THINK
TO YOURSELF,
'I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT
LOSE', RIGHT?

THUD

THUD

THAT'S THE MOTIVATION TO LIVE.

DON'T
FORGET THIS
FRUSTRATED
FEELING.

SO,
UNDERSTAND,

THE MEANING BEHIND HIS WORDS,

EVEN THOUGH I DON'T REALLY
UNDERSTAND IT WELL NOW,



I'LL TREASURE THESE
WORDS IN MY HEART.

I THINK IT'LL BE NICE IF
THE TRAIN NEVER ARRIVES
AT TOKYO STATION.

I'M REALLY GLAD THAT...

I SAW YOUSEI TODAY.

CHAPTER 6 END // TO BE CONTINUED